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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON VREDELING APPOINTMENT

1. EC OMMISSIONER VREDELING'S ASSIGNMENT TO THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT PORTFOLIO DISAPPOINTED THOSE IN THE NETHERLANDS WHO HOPED HE WOULD OBTAIN THE AGRICULTURAL JOB, BUT SOME SEE A SILVER LINING IN THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED TO AN ACTIVE SOCIALIST SUCH AS VREDELING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE.

2. VREDELING HIMSELF EXPRESSED SATISFACTION, SAYING THAT THE PROBLEM OF FIVE MILLION JOBLESS IN EUROPE IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN AGRICULTURAL POLICY, WHICH IN ANY CASE AFFECTS ONLY FIVE PERCENT OF THE DUTCH POPULATION. PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL REGRETTED THE LOSS OF THE AGRICULTURAL PORTFOLIO BUT AGREED WITH VREDELING ABOUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT CHALLENGE.

3. POLITICAL CIRCLES IN THE HAGUE ARE REPORTEDLY NOT SO HAPPY.

ACCORDING TO THE TOP CIRCULATION DAILY, "DE TELEGRAAF." TWO MAJOR PARTIES, THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S PARTY AND THE

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LIBERALS, ARE BLAMING THE DEN UYL CABINET FOR HAVING HESITATED TOO LONG IN DESIGNATING A CANDIDATE, SO THAT VREDELING DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CONVINCE THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE USEFULNESS OF GIVING HOLLAND THE FARMING PORTFOLIO, THEREBY DEPRIVING THE COUNTRY OF AN IMPORTANT COMMISSION ROLE.

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